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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 750
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Willie Leduc on being selected the 2002 Westmoreland Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially salute outstanding citizens of our state who generously contribute their time and leadership to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Willie Leduc who recently received the much deserved title of 2002 Westmoreland Citizen of the Year is clearly one such exemplary individual; and

WHEREAS, this honor was sponsored by the *News Examiner*, and the editor of the newspaper, Toni Dew, called Mr. Leduc a "Good Samaritan" with a "great heart" who has made a difference in his community; and

WHEREAS, a true Volunteer, Mr. Leduc's long list of unselfish contributions include visiting the sick and devoting countless hours to people who are homebound or in the hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Willie Leduc's tremendous calling for visiting those who are ailing dates back to when he was a young man having spent a couple of weeks in the hospital, and he was visited by Agnes Brown, his wife's late grandmother; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, he had a heart attack and a stroke which forced him to quit and take premature retirement; it then became his devine mission to visit shut-ins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leduc is a very active member of the New Hope Church where he is heavily involved in several of their ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leduc's philanthropic activities include helping to coordinate a food bank with his church, providing food to needy families in the Westmoreland area and volunteering to run errands and perform needed maintenance for the church; and

WGEREAS, his pastor, Johnny Carver states, "He is an all-purpose man, not only for our church but also for our community. I've met people who are big-hearted, hard-workers that contribute greatly, but none like Willie. I think they must have broken the mold, when they made Willie"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leduc was also honored when Westmoreland Mayor Steve Johns proclaimed November 12, 2000 as "Willie Leduc Day"; and

WHEREAS, he is married to the former Melba Jean Brown and they have three sons, Bill, David, and Michael; and

WEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Willie Leduc for his excellent lifetime of service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Willie Leduc and congratulate him on his selection as the Westmoreland Citizen of the Year and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.